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Delay in the conduct of election to the Temple Committee, Trichinopoly.

* 625 *Q.*—Mr. K. Singam Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the election for the Trichinopoly Temple Committee, ordered to be held, has not been held as yet; and

(*b*) if it has not been held, the reasons for the delay?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 624.

Irrigation

Proposal of the Mysore Government to proceed with the execution of the Lakkavalli Project.

* 626 *Q.*—Mr. G. Lakshmana Reddi: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what stage the Tungabhadra Project Scheme is;

(*b*) whether the Mysore Government is contemplating to construct a reservoir across the river Bhadra at Lakkavalli (otherwise known as Lakkavalli Project);

(*c*) if so, to what extent the contemplated Tungabhadra Project would be affected both in the matter of water-supply and the area to be irrigated; and

(*d*) whether the Governments of Madras, Hyderabad and Mysore have met and come to a decision regarding the Lakkavalli Project?

A.—(*a*) The preliminary investigation of the project is in progress.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The matter is being examined.

(*d*) Not yet.

Mr. G. Lakshmana Reddi:—" May I know, Sir, when the preliminary investigation is likely to be completed? "

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" I cannot say, Sir."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" Is it not a wrong policy of the Government to increase the number of projects when they are losing so many lakhs of rupees annually on account of the excess cultivation of paddy? "

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" I do not agree. I may also mention that the projects that are under consideration are not merely intended for the cultivation of paddy."

Mr. G. Lakshmana Reddi:—" Have the Mysore Government begun to construct their reservoir, Sir? "

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" No, Sir."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—" With regard to the answer to clause (*d*), may I know whether the three Governments—Madras, Mysore and Hyderabad—have begun to discuss the matter or not? "